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1. Chromium-phosphor wire mesh is manufactured in the Russian Zone by the following firms:
 - a. Maschinenbau und Metalltuchfabrik, Raguhn (Anhalt)
 - b. Pabst und Kilian G.m.b.H., Raguhn
 - c. Emil Jäger, Neustadt a.d. Orla, (Thuringia).
2. The mesh is made of wires having a diameter of .04 mm and has 270 openings per square inch. The capacity of the above three firms is 250 square meters, produced by twenty machines. This production is taken over by the SMU and is sent to Moscow by air every month.
3. The wire for the mesh is supplied by the Mansfelder Kupfer- und Messingwerke, Hettstedt (Harz).

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Comments:

1. In 1948, the firm of Jäger delivered thirty machines to Russia for manufacturing the wire mesh and is scheduled to deliver a further sixty. Production in Russia is, however, believed to be hindered by a lack of trained personnel and it is thought that only 250-300 square meters per month are produced. An employee of the firm was offered 8,000 rubles per month to go to Russia to train workers but refused.
2. It was not stated for what period the production figure in para. 2 was intended, but it would appear to be a monthly figure.
3. [redacted] the wire mesh is used for jet aircraft and the manufacture of penicillin.

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